

Minutes – Heartland of Texas Emmaus Community Executive Board
Hill Country Fellowship Meeting Room
April 3rd, 2018
7:00 PM

Attendees: Jon Weems, Angie Martinez, Susan Ellett, Troy Ellett, Sandy Brooks, Janice Hinojosa, David Hinojosa, Matt Karcher, Brandie Melton, Kelsey Mills, Gary Bible, Tirish Mynk, Allen Mynk, Pete Nodecker, Tom Ruiz, Gerald Kaspar, Karen Eaton, Suzanne Taylor and someone whose name I couldn't read. *Jon Weems*

Opening Prayer: At 7:01 pm, Jon Weems opened our meeting with a prayer

Minutes: March minutes were read, motioned, seconded and approved

Treasurer's Report: There was no Treasurer's report; Susan N was at work.

Old Business: Music equipment update – no report.

Update on 501C3 Status – Angie M had no update. There had been no action that she knew of.

Apply to UR for time waiver? – Burnet UMC has us under their insurance but only under this last Walk. Angie said let's wait on asking for the extension. Angie said she would make a call in the meantime.

Recap on Walk 2018M – Gerald K said it was the best Walk ever. We needed more communication, especially thru email. Information was slow in coming. Registration was "cumbersome." We need to scan Pilgrim applications. Pete raised the issue of the quality of the scanned apps. Ti and Matt now have a great scanner on our new computer. Gerald said we also had to wait on the payment process; especially on scholarships. Ti said we have plenty of money for scholarships and the first step should be to scan to Susan N. Jon W said scholarships should be a "NEED". Let's be careful about scholarships. When you "buy in" there's more of a commitment. Gerald said we need better communication between the Conference Team and Servant Team. Matt K said "we made a 'command decision' to rotate around on physically challenged Pilgrim. Angie said ensure an ALD places the Holy Spirit prayer and the 2 questions posed to the Pilgrims on the podium. Also ensure correct Pilgrims' names are spelled correctly. We also need to update Reunion Group information online. (Karen said she would do this) Troy suggested that Karen send an updated Reunion Group list to all Sponsors and Pilgrims. Jon commented "We are all doers, but let's let others do their jobs." Susan E said we were lacking in food agape on the last few walks. We are not receiving baked good, etc. We had plenty of sodas and water. Karen suggested using the "Perfect Pot Luck" app. We also had too many food drops. Can we plan them better? Remember....unused agape goes back to Reunion Groups. It is not to be stored. Our trailer needs supplies 2 weeks before Walks. Allen on scholarships said "we have nothing in our by-laws about recommendations by committee. How does this work?" **Action Item:** Find and identify who is on the Scholarship Committee. (Note: this has been done). Jon, "On the Candlelight Service. There was not real good attendance. Also, let's look for more/different musicians. We are using the same people too much. As the Board, let's do better on Candlelight. Let's 'sell' Candlelight; let's talk it up." Angie M suggested having Emmaus "Ambassadors" to visit churches. Pete said our HOTEK E-Board should be the Ambassadors. There are also Emmaus tri-folds at each church. How can we better promote Emmaus? Could we have an "Emmaus Day" at our churches? Angie asked Allen Ti to appoint an E-Ambassador at each church.

Update on letter to N and S Communities – Jon said his letter is completed.

New Business: Walk 2018W – Brandie M and Kelsey M said they would be working on Walk 2018W Team selection. Suzanna said they already have 14 applications to serve on the Walk Team. Suzanna also said she will have a Board Rep who will not be able to make a lot of the team meetings (Nene C). She proposed Nene serve as a Co-Board Rep. Sandy B said we need to study the UR Board Rep position description. (Note: We later found out that the UR's Covenant will not allow this)

Announcements: Jon W – On this Friday, he will attend a seminar on how to train Emmaus Spiritual Directors

Sandy B asked Tom Ruiz to get with Mike McKeown and update the Team Manuals (for Team training. Tom said “yes.” (The manuals that are in the trailer are old)

HOTEC Spiritual Director comments: - No further comments.

HOTEC Lay Director comments: - No further comments.

Adjournment: At 8:28 pm Pete Nodecker prayed our closing prayer.

Next HOTEC E-Board meeting: 7 pm, Tuesday, May 1st, 2018 at the Hill Country Fellowship Youth Meeting Room